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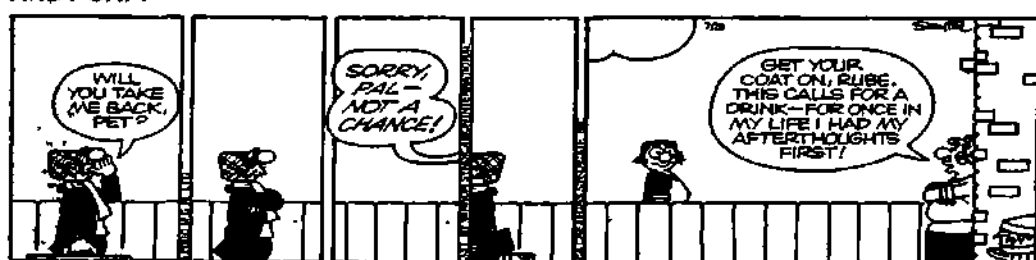
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



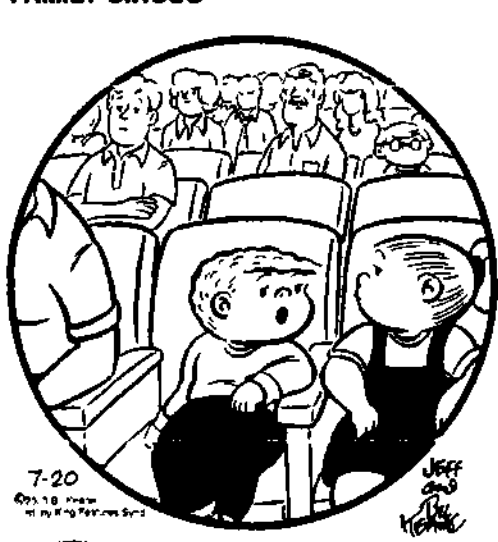
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, July 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Maintain a level balance rather than rushing into something extravagant.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Compromise and resolution especially in the workplace will be at the forefront.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Others will want you to demonstrate your talents before they put their full trust in your abilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Keep your wits about you and don't be tricked by an easy out.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Take advantage of this time to make positive changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Domestic affairs will demand your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Taking a chance is a risk you can afford.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A deep sense of caring and involvement comes from supporting the common good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You will surprise yourself with your own abilities in an outlet of creative expression.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Legal matters such as property ownership and binding documents might come to the forefront.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a great moment in your life to learn something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Doing something nice for others will give you a warm sense of nobility.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

FATHER AND SON PLAYED MLB

T L H E B X U R O L I E B Y V
S Q N K H E B Y W T R O L J G
E B Y S D N O B W U R P N K I
G D B Z X E U G A R P S V S Q
O M K I G F G R I F F E Y E C
A Y S T O T T L E M Y R E W U
S Q P R Z E R E P N E A L L J
H F D U U N E C A I R V D Y X
V U R S Q O Y P V C N I N M K
J C R A M O L A M H F L U E C
B Z L L E B J A M Y X O H V U

Wednesday's unlisted clue: DINING
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: BOBBY AND BARRY

Alomar	Buford	Javier	Perez
Alou	Cruz	May	Sprague
Bell	Griffey	McRae	Stottlemyre
Boone	Hundley	Ortiz	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0608

ACROSS

- Start of a quip
- Indigo dye source
- Sautéed dish
- "A car you can believe in" sloganer
- Certain schemers, to Burns
- Pay heed
- Quip, part 2
- Cereal box listing
- "I'll take another"
- What DiCaprio isn't, astrologically
- Old-fashioned agreement
- Witches' sounds
- Top student's pride
- Reed section member
- Medicinal shrub
- Vegas opening
- Quip, part 3
- Plugs
- Dry creek
- Hawai's Coast
- 2000, e.g.
- Like some divorces
- Out in left field
- Hakim ("Oklahoma" character)
- Shire of Midland
- 1990's sitcom star
- Quip, part 4
- "It Romantic?"
- After a while
- "king in Narnia"
- C. S. Lewis
- Mercury and Mars
- See 32-Down
- End of the quip
- Lead role in Rimsky-Korsakov's "The Maid of Pskov"
- Genoan official, once
- Gumball machine feature
- Swear to
- They may have hearings in Switzerland
- Southwest sidekick
- "The Secret of" (1982 indie)
- "Body Rock" rapper
- Do-over, in tennis
- More contrived
- Help, as a lawbreaker
- Look
- Promote big-time
- 7-up, e.g.
- "You said it, baby!"
- Dispatch boat
- Palace dweller
- Residence
- "Marching Along" autobiographer
- annum
- Place name in New York
- Wan

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LEFTY GABLE TREE
ALICE OLEOS OAKS
NEOS MONOPLANES
EGYPTIANES TOTOLO
AMA SEA
HEMMANN MSF NEO
ERIE YOGA EPODE
SWANS WOK REVUE
SILTY ABEL RECU
ENS SOI SATIRES
INT PAS
EASIER SHOOTING
GRAYMATTER YER
GUNK MEANT LEIA
SMEE PARSE EELS

ACES

By Bobby Wolf!
East won his heart jack and continued with his king forcing South to ruff. South began drawing trumps leading a low one to dummy's queen and East's ace. East shifted to diamonds and South cashed his club king. East's discard was truly bad news. Notwithstanding the friendly spade split, South still lost two trumps and a heart for one down. What should South consider before he leads a trump at trick two? If trumps are 2-2, it doesn't matter if he leads toward dummy or toward his hand. However, if trumps are 3-1, who is more likely to hold a singleton ace? Since East has bid and West has not, most would play for East to hold the club ace. But might he not have bid two hearts without the ace, as South implied? South knows the opponents have 10 hearts between them. If West had a singleton club ace and three or four hearts, would he not have bid three hearts over South's three clubs? Clearly, this tips the scales heavily toward East. At trick two, South should cross to dummy in spades to lead a trump. East's singleton ace appears, and the favorable spade break comes in hand. South draws trumps, discards diamond losers on his spades, and claims 11 winners.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Rob Barrington, Joe Fortino, second, Pat Miller, Paul Swarthout. Sunday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Doug Lyon, second, Jason Chappell, John Chappell, Monday evening, first, Doug Lyon, Sharlene Kostichka, second, Allene Huntley, Mary Walsh. Tuesday evening, first, Carl Banick, Charlotte Morseburg, second, Natalie Gordon, Bill Pennington. Wednesday evening, first, Murray Hall, Sharlene Kostichka, second, third, John Glezen, Judy Alderman, Ron Dewey, Gary Simonetta. Thursday Morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Louis Bashaw, Pauline Filsinger. 2 NS, Janet Sinclair, John Beauchamp. 1 EW, Sheila Comerford, Milie Albright. 2 EW, Al Ross, Bob Donahue. Friday morning, first, Milt Rosenblum, Paul Peters, second, Carl Brown, Richard Shifner. Friday evening, first, Bob Garwood, Arlene Rainone, second, Sharon Ausman, Matt Brown.

Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Monday evening, Novice Game, first, Charlie Mellor, Barbara Moon, second, Marilyn Mellor, Elaine Yanow. Tuesday evening, Intermediate Game, first/second, Bill Allen, Katherine Allen, Mary Jo Allen, Leslie Smith.

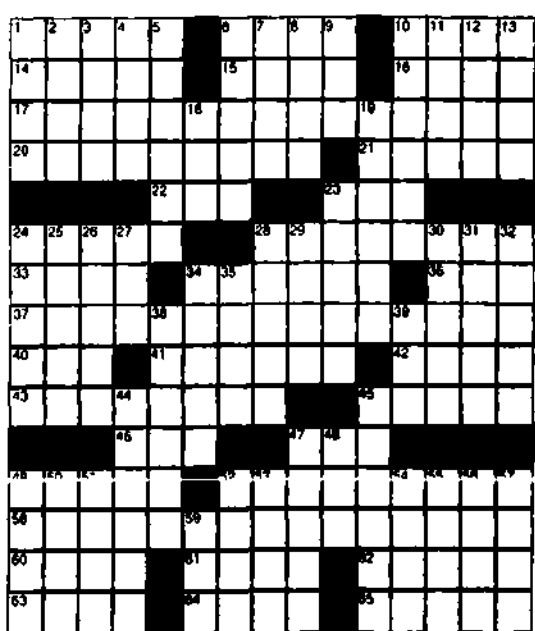
Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Barbara Renschmidt, Helen White. 2 NS, Doug Lyon, Milt Rosenblum. 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger. 2 EW, Ann Garofolo, Louise Staring.

Lafayette Country Club Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Rosamond Adler, Joan Rubenstein. 2 NS, Lois Meyer, Marcia Rothschild. 1 EW, Beverly Goldberg, Myrna Rubenstein. 2 EW, Betty Granatstein, Barbara Grossman.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Peg Hesslein, Dot Joiner. 2 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Louise Staring. 1 EW, Anne Garofolo, Joan Landers. 2 EW, Sharon Paulus, Gerry Wurdinger.

Stonehedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Jackie Osica, Joan Shibel. 2 NS, Roni Capraro, Joan Liddle. 1 EW, Cio Morris, Jackie Viggiano. 2 EW, Hannah Dushay, Helene Gove.

Syracuse Contract Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 99er Game, first, Sydney Davy, Barbara Watkins, second, Isabel Carter, Jean Steding. Tuesday evening, 99er Game, first, Ken Rose, Pauline Rose, second, third, Julie Hartenstein, Sandy Kleiman, Martha Smith, Jeffrey Welner. Wednesday evening, first, Dan Boye, Mary Ann Finn, second, third, Paul Peters, Gerry Radway, Fran LeBeauf, Ann Simon. Thursday noon, 1 NS, Joel Davis, Richard Shifner. 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Anne O'Brien. 1 EW, Joe Conrad, Adeline Nash, second, third, EW, Roni Capraro, Marge Nelson, Paul Peters, Judy Zatony. Thursday evening, first, Barbara Eveleigh, Anita Kupperman, second, Joanne Baccile, Ron Dewey. Friday evening, first, Joan Noll, Ann Simon, second, Judy Butcher, Rosemary Dunn.



Puzzle by Mark Davis

30 Some hms with hymns
31 Profits
32 With 64-Across a student's challenge
34 Uncentered?
35 William York
38 Call for help
39 Maui music maker
44 Better's spread
45 Bit of bait
47 Ticket
48 Wahine welcome
49 Nest part
50 Words of discovery
51 What libraries do
52 Seaside feature
53 Symbol of love
54 Novelist Ferber
55 Four-sided fig
56 Unusual shoe spec
57 Go at each other
59 Bran source

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